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General Review

Review of the Annual Administrative Report of The Jails Department for the year 2016-17.

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In the year 2016-17 following Institutions functioned under the Administrative control of the Jails Department:-

1.	Central Jails Ambala, Hisar I Hisar II	03
2.	District Jails Rohtak, Gurgaon, Karnal, Kurukshetra, Bhiwani, Sirsa, Jind, Sonapat, Rewari, Kaithal, Yamunanagar, Faridabad, Narnaul, Palwal, Panipat and Jhajjar.	16
3.	Jail Training School, Karnal	01
4.	Office of the Distirct Probation Officers Ambala, Hisar, Rohtak, Karnal, Gurgaon, Jind, Bhiwani and Sirsa.	08

TOTAL

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2. The total number of prisoners of all categories in jails and judicial lock ups of the state as on 01.01.2016 were 18,269. During the calendar year 2016, total 53768 prisoners were admitted in the jails at different point of time. At the end of the Calendar year (31st December, 2016) 17654 prisoners were lodged in all the jails in Haryana.

3. The number of convicts in Jails were 7780 as on 01.01.2016. During the calendar year 2016, prisoners numbering additional 5697 convicted either by the courts in Haryana or came on transfer from other places were admitted in the jails in Haryana. During the calendar year 2016, total 6260 convicts were released from jails and, 2017 convicts remained lodged in jails at the end of the calendar year (31st December 2016). The number of civil prisoners as on 31-12-15 was 67.

4. The number of undertrial prisoners as on 01.01.2016 was 10,489. During the calendar year 2016, additional 48,071 undertrial prisoner were admitted in Jails. Out of total 59,986 undertrial prisoners, 48,130 were released on bail/appeal/acquittal or have been convicted etc. A total of 10,430 undertrial prisoners remained lodged in jails at the end of the year (31st December, 2016).

5. Number of women prisoners in Jails of Haryana as on 01.01.2016 was 723. During the calendar year 2016, additional 1980 women prisoners were admitted in Jails (direct of by transfer from other Jails). Out of them 2,048 women prisoners were either released or transferred to other Jails. Therefore, number of women prisoners in all the jails at the end of the year was 655(31st December 2016). 49 children were lodged along with their mother as on 31-12-2016.

6. During the year, 2016-17, a sum of Rs. 202,25,77,000/- were spent on security management, diet and health care etc. of the prisoners. Thus per capita annual average expenditure was Rs. 1,14,567/- (Rs. 314/- per prisoner per day). During the previous year 2015-16 a sum of Rs. 1,78,75,93,000/- were spent on the the prisoners. Thus per capita annual average expenditure was Rs. 86,113/- (Rs. 235.92 per prisoner per day). During this financial year 2016-2017 a sum of Rs. 27,49,03,118/- were spent on the diet of the prisoners. Thus, per capita annual expenditure on food was Rs. 15,571/- (Rs. 42.60/- per prisoner per day).

7. During the year 2016-17, health of the prisoners remained satisfactory and due attention was paid towards the sanitation facilities inside the Jails. T.B. patients were isolated and kept in different parts of the jail hospitals. They were given regular medical treatment, under the DOT Scheme. In order to improve the general sanitation, Indian and European Comodes with under ground sewerage system were provided for the prisoners. Ceiling Fans were provided in the barracks for the prisoners and most of the jails have been connected with separate electricity lines. Diesel Generator Sets have been provided in all the jails for emergency light arrangements.

During the year under report, the standard of discipline in the jails was satisfactory. The details of incidents of indiscipline which came to notice are as under:-

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| (a) Quarrels /Brawls | During the year 2016-17, there were 03 quarrel & brawls in Jails of the State. |
| (b) Hunger Strike | During the year 2016-17, no prisoner resorted to hunger strike. |
| (c) Escape | During the year 2016-17, no incident of escape occurred from the Jails of Haryana. |
| (d) Attack | During the year 2016-17, there was no case of attack by the prisoners. |

219 prisoners undergoing life imprisonment were released pre-maturely and 4,780 prisoners were released on parole/ furlough during the calendar year 2016. The prisoners are kept in the jails nearest to their home as far as possible. The prisoners whose conduct in jails was adjudged good and who were otherwise eligible as per Jail Manual were awarded special remission as per the rules by the concerned Superintendent Jail. In the year 2016, special remission was also granted by the HIS EXCELLENCY the Governor of Haryana to the old age convicts of 65 years and above on the eve of Golden Jubilee of Haryana Day 1st November on 1.11.2016 and this men and women old age prisoners were released.

8. For mental and physical development of the prisoners, arrangements for lectures for spiritual and physical well being of the prisoners were made. Arrangements for morning and evening prayers, prisoner meetings, media programmes, indoor and outdoor games and practice of yoga had also been made. 21st June was observed as the International Yoga Day. 505 lectures, 161 dramas and 161 cultural programmes were organized in the jails during the year under report. For the recreation of prisoners, television sets with cable connection have also been allowed.

9. During the year 2016-17, total 174 prison officers were imparted training in various Institutions. All the staff recruited in the Department undergo induction training. Regular refresher courses are also held at Institute of Correctional Administration, Chandigarh, Haryana Institute of Public Administration, NICFS and our own Jail Training School at Karnal. This Department has conducted following four courses at District Jail, Gurugram under the aegis of BPR&D during the year 2016-2017 in which Prison Officers from various States have participated:-

S.No.	Course and dates	Period of Training
1	Vertical Interaction Course-I	26-9-2016 to 30.9.2016
2	Seeing is learning Course-I	21-11-2016 to 23-11-2016
3	Vertical Interaction Course-II	9-1-2017 to 11.1.2017
4	Seeing is learning Course-II	20-2-2017 to 24-2-2017

10. The prisoners were provided facilities for purchasing commodities at reasonable rates for their personal use such as Sugar, tea, gur, Surf, Biscuits, Dhoop, Cold Drinks, Milk, Undergarments, Toiletries, Namkeen, Dahi, Dalia, Shoes, Chappals, Powder, Pickle, Jalebi, Samosa, Gulab Jamun, Pakora etc. from the canteen opened in the Jails.

These canteens have been opened in all the Central Jails and District Jails and are being run as per Jail Canteen Management Rules, 1965. New Software has been installed at all the jails to run Cash Less System in the Canteen w.e.f. 1.4.2015 in order to have more transparency as well as to provide better facilities to the inmates at reasonable prices. All goods are purchased through well Known wholesale dealers like Metro, Best Price Shops etc. at reasonable rates.

11. The Panchayat of the prisoners appointed in various jails gave full co-operation to the officers in distribution of ration and other goods, running of cantten, cultural activities, education, yoga etc. The prisoners were given training in industrial and agricultural practices according to their choice by arranging training programme from time to time. With the assistance of the Technical Education Department, vocational training programmes in 16 jails have been started in two or three trades like Plumbing, Electrician and Computer Data Operator. Approximately 4411 prisoners have already been enrolled under the scheme for vocational training.

12. Prison Inmate Calling Systems have benn installed in all the jails except the very small ones namely Panipat, Palwal and Rewari. Now the Govt. has increased the timings of calling for each prisoners from 10 minutes to 35 minutes weekly and 60 minutes weekly for female inmates. It would help the family members of prisoners residing at a long distance to economize ontheir travel expenses and time.

13. New Interview Rooms with modern facilities have been installed at the jails.

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